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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re application of:

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Attention: PCT OFFICE

U.S. National Phase of PCT/NO99/00299

Entry papers filed herewith March 29, 2001

For: PRODUCTION OF HYDROGEN AND CARBON WITH  
A CARBON BLACK CATALYST

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present application is the U.S. national phase of international application number PCT/NO99/00299.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please add the attached ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE to the application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-4 without prejudice or disclaimer and add the following new claims to the application.

5. (New) A method of producing hydrogen and carbon in a closed process by pyrolysis of an organic gas utilising carbon dust as a catalyst for precipitation of carbon characterised by stimulating carbon precipitation by guiding the gas through a heated

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